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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have given the reply already."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, in view of the large number of questions and complaints about these matters, whether the hon. the Home Member is not prepared to get information on this point?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am getting information as far as I possibly can."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"On this question, may I know whether he will get the information required?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think I need get the information."

Alleged promotion of one Dravyaswami as foreman of the Type-foundry department, Government Press.

*758-E Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Dravyaswami, a prominent member of the Government Press Party and a junior with no technical qualifications, was promoted to the grade of Rs. 60—4—100 as foreman of the Type-foundry department, overlooking the claims of a qualified senior man in the said department; and

(b) whether he is a relative and friend of the Publication Assistant?

A.—(a) T. M. Dravyaswami was appointed as foreman, Type-foundry section, on Rs. 60—4—100 from 1st August 1926. He has a thorough practical knowledge of type-casting, stereo and electro-typing, punch-cutting and engraving works and is an intelligent worker. The Government have no information whether he is a member of the Government Press Party.

(b) The Government have no information.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Again in this case also the Government have no information. Is there any use in putting supplementary questions, I should like to know from the hon. the Home Member?"

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that there is a party known as the Government Press Party?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes, I know."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"If he is aware of it, may I know whether he has got a list of the members that belong to the Government Press Party in so far as they are employees of the Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if he is prepared to get such a list?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think any useful purpose will be served by it."